Non-Conventional Energy Sources in Punjab and Maharashtra

452. SHRIDARA SINGH: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIOrVAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to make it obligatory on States to meet ten per cent of their total power needs from non-conventional energy sources;

(b) if so, what steps/schemes and programmes have been undertaken/ launched by Government in various States under the non-conventional energy programmes; and

(c) the details thereof and the results achieved in this regard in Punjab and Maharashtra till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise, However, to promote deployment of grid-interactive renewable power, financial and fiscal incentives are being provided that include capital/interest subsidy, accelerated depreciation, concessional duties and relief from taxes. In addition, preferential tariff is being given to renewable power in most potential States. Publicity and awareness on renewable energy is also created through print, postal and electronic media and special events like the Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas are being organised. District-level Advisory Committees have been constituted in the States to facilitate effective coordination of renewable energy schemes/ programmes. Acapacity of around 143MW grid-interactive renewable power has been set up in Punjab and Maharashtra respectively as on 31.12.2005.

Setting up of Garbage based Power Plants

453. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the successful working of a big power plant based on use of garbage and solid waste as fuel in the city of Hyderabad, Government have decided as a matter of policy to set up power plants using the city garbage as fuel in other big cities like Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata and Chennai as well;